



# Parish of St Edward the Confessor



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**25th - 26th February 2017**

**8th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

## OUR EXCESSIVE WORRY AND ANXIETY

*By: Fr. Marce Singson*

Society has changed a great deal since the time of Jesus. Definitions of poverty, wealth, and the good life are much different today than they were then. For example, we are constantly being bombarded with images and messages from advertisers, media, and sometimes even friends and family, that encourage us to consume. Further, such messages can make us feel unhappy with what we have in the hope that we will buy and consume more. The heart-rending effects of poverty and homelessness still affect our society. We have constructed an economy that is dependent upon the Australian consumer to keep it afloat. As a result, we live with conflicting messages and concerns that distract us and divide our loyalties. We seek security and stability and are appropriately worried about our future.

This current state of affairs causes a degree of pause when we read a passage like this one from Matthew. Of all Jesus' teaching in the Sermon on the Mount, this is one of the more difficult sections to understand. Jesus said: *"No one can serve two masters. Either you will hate the one and love the other, or you will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and money. Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink; or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothes? Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they? Can any one of you by worrying add a single hour to your life?"*



Jesus' words seem out of step with our society and on the surface they lack coherence with the lives we are living. When interpreted in a superficial manner, this statement could only have been written by a single guy living a carefree life on the beach in sunny Galilee. The implication of Jesus' message here is that much of what matters to us today, the material aspects of our lives, ought not to be taken seriously and can be completely entrusted to a God who cares for us. Here one is encouraged to live by faith, trusting God to provide all material needs. It seems to suggest that one does not need to work or prepare for the future at all; we can simply relax knowing that God will take care of our needs. But as most of us know, this does not seem to match what we know of life on this planet.

The close of the preceding section reminds us that we cannot serve God and wealth. Jesus intends us to understand that discipleship, which is not a special calling for an elite group but includes anyone who desires to be Christian, must be singularly focused upon a life devoted to God and his teachings. But does this mean that the pursuit of wealth through hard work and investment is wrong? Or that people should not enjoy the fruit of their labour? One would be forgiven for thinking that this is a passage for the truly devoted disciples, the original twelve who followed Jesus, or for missionaries in today's world, but not for those of us in the real world. This leaves us all a bit baffled, wondering how we should live in regards to the text.

As we shall see, Jesus is not calling us all to abandon our lives and move to the desert to join a monastery or to empty our savings accounts. Rather, he is addressing the basis for excessive worry and anxiety that can result from a life separated from God. The text calls us to a different set of values, different priorities. The Gentiles, those who are outside the community of faith, both seek after these things and worry about their life, their physical possessions and the accompanying social status. A life devoted to God, lived under the reign of God, is lived according to the values of the Kingdom of God. But what does all this mean? The emphasis of the text is upon excessive worrying or anxiety about our needs in life. True discipleship, by which we mean anyone who desires to be a follower of Jesus and thus Christian, involves being resolute in a wholehearted devotion to God. One cannot serve two masters. Jesus places the discussion within the context of anxiety and faith and trust. Do we trust in ourselves, our power, our ability to get things done? Are we excessively anxious about our physical needs?

## CHURCH

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**WE REMEMBER**

In our prayers all who have died recently,

Greg Doolan

and those whose anniversaries are in this month: Denise Davis

Antonio Marcelo

Khislir Lloyd Panganiban

Cherilyn Jurada

Herman David Sr

Barbara Howard

*Names of recently deceased or anniversaries for the deceased will be displayed for a period of 3 weeks only. For privacy reasons these inserts will only be accepted from a family member. Thank you.*



**PLEASE PRAY**

For all our Sick parishioners and family members:

- Eugenio Sagun
- Maria Teresita Villar
- Janet Monkhouse
- Jan Whitterer
- Ada Rose Seeto
- John Ryan
- Mary Gunner
- Allan Ploenges
- Gemma Sharwood
- Neonita Constantino
- Herminia Sagun
- Jeadreil Lopez

If you would like our community to remember you or a family member in our prayers please complete the information in the register on the table at the back of the Church. These will be displayed for 3 weeks only.

*Thank you*



**BAPTISM**

*We welcome into our Christian community:*

- Killian James List
- Kooper James List
- Samantha Louise Galea
- Isaac Daniel Ciolko
- Ryan Joseph Blake Hozjan

*Baptism is 7 days a week. Please phone the parish office for information regarding Baptism.*



**Happy Birthday & Anniversary  
To all the members of our Parish Community who are celebrating their Birthdays and Wedding**



**The World Day of Prayer 2017** will be held at St. Marks Anglican Church, Winnets Road, Daisy Hill on Friday the 3 March at 10am. The host country will be the Philippines and the theme, prepared by the women, is "Am I Being Unfair to You?" Fr Marce Singson was invited as guest speaker. The scripture reading for the service is Matthew 20:1-16. The Bible study texts are Matthew 20:1-16 and Numbers 27:1-11.

The Philippines is a sovereign island country in Southeast Asia situated in the western Pacific Ocean consisting of about 7,641 islands. The Philippines is an officially secular state, although Christianity is the dominant faith. Catholic Church data from 2015 found that about 82.9% of the population professed Catholicism. Protestants are estimated to be less than 5% of the total population.

**Parish Update**

We had a very successful Clergy meeting of the Logan Deanery last Thursday which was held in our parish. It was perfect attendance and we warmly welcomed new members: Fr. John Conway- new Parish Priest of Browns Plains, and Fr. Baiyi Gong (from China)- new Parish Priest of Rochedale. I thank Rose George, Cheryl and Muriel who took care of the catering.

Landscaping of our Columbarium is finished. For those who have fully paid, we are now ready for the inurnment of Ashes of the deceased. Please contact the parish office.



We installed an air conditioner in the Reconciliation Room as it is too hot at summer time.

I am very grateful for the cooperation shown by our parish volunteers who attended the seminar on Safeguarding Children and Vulnerable Adults held in our parish last February 16.

Our Barbeque Afternoon for our parish youth is set for Sunday, March 19 from 2:00pm to 4:00pm to be held in the hospitality area. Young ones are encouraged to bring their friends, from 10 years old to 25 years old, regardless of religion.

Exciting activities for Women and Men's groups are on the way. It will be announced next weekend. I thank Steve Richardson and the PPC members for drawing a map of all the upcoming activities.

Lenten season will kick off on 1<sup>st</sup> March: Ash Wednesday. Our parish Mass is set at 6:45pm in order to accommodate those who are working in the city. Ash Wednesday is not a holy day of obligation. But it is strongly advisable to come to Church since it is fitting to mark the beginning of penitential season of Lent by going to Mass. However, Fasting and Abstinence is obligatory on Ash Wednesday. Fasting means only one full meal. Obligated to do fasting are those from 18 years of age to 60 years old, except those who are sick. Abstinence means: refraining from eating meat. Those who are 14 years old to 60 years old are obliged to undergo the abstinence, except those who are sick.

Stations of the Cross will be held on all Fridays in Lenten season. It will take place right after the 7:30am Mass.

# MASS TIMES 26th February - 04th March 2017

Sunday, 26 February	Monday, 27 February	Tuesday, 28 February	Wednesday, 01 March	Thursday, 02 March	Friday, 03 March	Saturday 04 March
8.30am Mass 6.00pm Mass  <i>8th Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	7.00am Rosary 7.30am Mass	7.30am Mass	<b>Ash Wednesday</b>  6.45pm Mass <b>No Adoration</b>  <b>Day of Fast and Abstinence</b>	7.30am Mass	7.00am Rosary 7.30am Mass  <i>Stations of the Cross will follow after Mass.</i>	7.30am Mass  5.30pm Reconciliation 6.00pm Mass



## The Many Faces of the Poor

The SVPD Rule Book makes this statement about the poor: No work of charity is foreign to the Society. It includes any form of help that alleviates suffering or deprivation, and promotes human dignity and personal integrity in all their dimensions. Robert Leach has taken up this challenge by identifying the various faces of the Poor.

**The seriously disadvantaged:** Those who lack almost anything you can think of- money, food, clothing ,a home, a good education, self esteem, life skills, hope....

**The victims of accidents or disaster:** those who ,until struck down, enjoyed relatively comfortable lives but now face the fact that what we call “normality” is a very fragile entity.

**Those who suffer from physical distress:** the sick, the disabled , the blind the deaf, the paralysed, amputees, those who suffer depression or some other form mental illness.

**Those whose future is in jeopardy:** Prisoners, the unemployed and the underemployed, casual employees, **casual, seasonal workers ...**

**The unprepared:** those who enter adulthood with little or no education , training, or experience. This impacts on their self-confidence and their capacity for finding worthwhile employment.

**The misanthropic:** people with serious personality problems who seriously can't get along with others. They suffer from deep resentment or self-hatred, may feel victimised and need help.

**Those families where poverty has been generational:** while it is possible for children born into poverty to rise above it, the challenge is much greater when poverty has passed through several generations.

**The unloved:** Among these could well be migrants and refugees, the elderly and infirm, people suffering prejudice – racial or otherwise.

*(The full article is on the noticeboard at the back of the church)*



At a recent school assembly, representatives from each class brought forward their class



covenant during a special blessing ceremony. Each covenant was very unique, yet all followed the same theme: Together We Grow. The covenants illustrate how students promise to show respect and care for self, others, school and learning.

On Tuesday, 8 of our school leaders will accompany me to the Launch of Project Compassion which is held at Stephen's Cathedral. This is a wonderful opportunity for our students to learn how they can be people of justice and play an instrumental role in leading others to do the same. The theme for Project Compassion, 'Love Your Neighbour', calls us to:

- examine and nurture our relationships with one another,
- reflect (and act) on ways in which we have the capacity to be the face of hope and love within our community,
- consider and implement effective strategies to support those living in poverty within Australia and overseas.

I look forward to sharing some of our students' reflections on what they learned as a result of their engagement in the Project Compassion launch.

Karen McIntosh APRE

## Church Ministers' Rosters for next weekend 04th - 05th March 2017

	Saturday 6.00pm	Sunday 8.30am	Sunday 6.00pm
<b>Holy Mass Coordinators</b>	Iona & Ronet	Brian Ridder	Jeanne Medina
<b>Parish Choirs</b>	Spiritus	St. Cecilia	El Shaddai
<b>Overhead Projectionist</b>	Volunteer	Volunteer	Volunteer
<b>Proclaimers of the Word: 1</b>	JR Bandola	Maria Richardson-Beck	Celi Arezza
<b>Proclaimers of the Word: 2</b>	Sharon Biasillo	Vange Munn	Elana Alitin
<b>Communion Ministers</b>	Muriel Fitzsimons	Steve Richardson	Cheryl McCaffery
	Pat Villar	John Guiton	Nix Arezza
	Glenn Hallorina	Greg Gregorio	Sean O'Brien
		Reece Healy	Ason Medina
		Carmel Burgess	Ica Medina
		Sio Afoa	
		Ed Havelock	
<b>Alter Servers</b>	Annabelle Wessling	Shannon Oporto	Caleb O'Brien
	Jonathan Wessling	Virginia Mirago	Ella O'Brien
<b>Children's Liturgy</b>			



**Parish Hospitality Teams**  
Join us and the Parish Community for a cuppa and refreshments in the covered area at the side of the Church.

*05.03.2017 @ 8.30am Mass*  
Vange Munn's Team

*12.03.2017 @ 8.30am Mass*  
Rose George's Team

### ASH WEDNESDAY

St Patrick's, Fortitude Valley – 7.00am  
Cathedral of St Stephen – 8.00am; 10.00am; 12.30pm; 5.30pm  
Car park will be available for the 5.30pm Mass only.

### Senior Group Update

**Mass : 14th March 2017 at 9.00 am**

At this Mass Father also will have an Anointing Of The Sick. Join us for morning tea afterwards in the hospitality area.



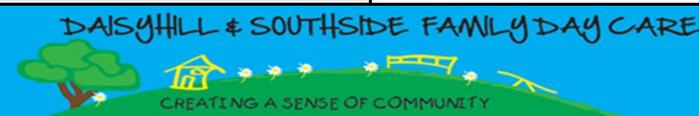
**17th March 2017**  
**Saint Patrick's Day**

Lunch at Chatswood Hill Tavern,  
Cnr Chatswood Rd & Magellan Rd,  
Springwood.

Meet at the Tavern at 11.45am.

Specials menu and everyday menu available. Pay for your meal on the day.

Book by calling Noelene by Friday 10th March 2017.  
Noelene 3208 5304 or 0409 261 639



Educators are skilled in knowing when to support children in play to extend learning and when to step back to give children the space to investigate their own ideas.



**If you would like more information about our service, including becoming an Educator or Childcare enquiries please contact the office on:**

**3208 0463.**



**Children's Liturgy** takes place during the Sunday 8.30am Mass fortnightly during the school term only.  
Term 1 dates are: February 26th;  
March 12th and 26th.

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**We here at the Parish of St Edward the Confessor, as part of the Archdiocese of Brisbane MUST ABIDE BY AND ADHERE TO THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE PRIVACY ACT AND THE AUSTRALIAN PRIVACY PRINCIPLES.** Archdiocesan Website [www.bne.catholic.net.au](http://www.bne.catholic.net.au) or [www.stewardsdaisyhill.org.au](http://www.stewardsdaisyhill.org.au)  
We are also compelled to adhere to the **Policy of the Safeguarding Children & Vulnerable Adults**  
<https://brisbanecatholic.org.au/support/safeguard/>